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SUBJ: EXTENSION OF LANGUAGE TRAINING; ASSIGNMENT OF
ADDITIONAL POLITICAL OFFICER

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM FSO-6 DAVID MANGAN, JR., NOW AT FSI FIELD SCHOOL IN BEIRUT, FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF HIS MAY 1 ETA TO PERMIT ANOTHER FOUR MONTHS TRAINING IN BEIRUT.

2. MANGAN'S PREDECESSOR, POLITICAL OFFICER CHARLES CECIL, IS DUE TO DEPART POST IN MAY, PREPARATORY TO HIS ASSIGNMENT AS SAUDI ARABIAN COUNTRY OFFICER. POLITICAL CHIEF NICHOLAS MURPHY IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON HOME LEAVE IN EARLY JULY. THE POST COULD NOT ALLOW SUCH A DOUBLE ABSENCE TO REMAIN UNFILLED.

3. JIDDA'S A-91 OF NOVEMBER 17, 1974, OUTLINED THE NEED FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL FSO-5 TO THE POLITICAL SECTION, TO COVER BOTH POLITICAL AND POLITICAL/MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. THE AIRGRAM SAID THAT WITHOUT AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER THE POST SAW LITTLE ALTERNATIVE TO TRANSFERRING THE BULK OF POLITICAL/MILITARY WORK TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S
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OFFICE FAIRLY SOON AFTER MR. CECIL'S DEPARTURE. THE DAO BE-

LIEVES THAT SUCH AN OFFICER WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO JIDDA IN THE SUMMER OF 1975.

4. IF BY MAY THE DEPARTMENT COULD ASSIGN AND FUND AN ADDITIONAL FSO-5 POLITICAL OFFICER TO JIDDA, WE WOULD APPROVE MR. MANGAN'S REQUEST FOR FURTHER STUDY. BUT IF SUCH AN INCREASE IN THE POST'S COMPLEMENT CANNOT BE MADE, WE WOULD WANT MR. MANGAN TO ARRIVE AS SCHEDULED.

5. THE EMBASSY'S PERSONNEL NEEDS WILL BE RESTATED AGAIN IN THE ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT (STATE 2050). THIS PARTICULAR NEED IS BEING STATED NOW, BECAUSE OF MR. MANGAN'S REQUEST FOR DEFERRED ARRIVAL, AND THE NEED PERHAPS TO BEGIN EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH DOD FOR COVERAGE OF THE POLITICAL/MILITARY FUNCTION.
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